

Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 10, 2007, at the conclusion of the remarks from Senator Barrasso, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages S11256–57**

Osteen/Reidinger/Sammartino Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Monday, September 10, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, respectively. **Pages S11256–57**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S11281**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2007. **Page S11281**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11269–70**

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Text of H.R. 2642 as Previously Passed: **Pages S11271–78**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—326) **Page S11256**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:55 a.m. and adjourned at 12:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11281.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE'S ASSESSMENT ON 18 IRAQ BENCHMARKS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a report of the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks, including the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28), after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3494–3507; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 206–207 and H. Res. 640–642, were introduced. **Pages H10318–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10319**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3246, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the

most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–321, Pt. 1). **Page H10318**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pomeroy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10247**

College Cost Reduction Act of 2007: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget